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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS, WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 29, 1976

FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE BUREAUS
FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1976. EUR, NEA, EB DID NOT
SUBMIT REPORTS.

IO - TOUSSAINT, ACTING

1. PLO IN UNGA

GA PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE RULED TODAY THAT OBSERVERS COULD
NOT SPEAK IN THE GENERAL DEBATE (AS INFORMALLY REQUESTED
BY THE PLO), BUT THAT OBSERVERS WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT OF
REPLY. THIS COMPROMISE FORMULATION INVOLVES BREACH OF
THE PRINCIPLE THAT ONLY MEMBER STATES SPEAK IN THE GENERAL
DEBATE, AND OPENS UP THE POSSIBILITY OF A PLO REQUEST TO
REPLY TO THE ISRAELI ADDRESS (SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 7).

2. ISRAEL AND UNESCO SECRET

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UNESCO DIRECTOR GENERAL M'BOW HAS ACCEPTED ISRAELI PRO-
POSAL THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF M'BOW (WHO WILL GATHER
INFORMATION ON EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES) BE RECEIVED IN TWO STAGES--BRIEF

PRELIMINARY VISIT PRIOR TO GENERAL CONFERENCE (DUE TO BEGIN OCTOBER 25); LONGER VISIT IN 1977. WE UNDERSTAND THAT M'BOW, WHILE UNSURE THIS APPROACH WILL SERVE TO DEFUSE ISSUE AT GC, FELT ISRAEL HAD MOVED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE ON ISSUE WITH OBVIOUS OVERTONES IN DOMESTIC POLITICS.

3. ANGOLA MEMBERSHIP IN UNESCO

UNESCO EX BOARD, BY VOTE OF 34-0-1 ABSTENTION (US) VOTED TO RECOMMEND ANGOLA MEMBERSHIP. PRC DID NOT PARTICIPATE; ZAIRE WAS ABSENT. DIR GEN M'BOW WAS REPORTEDLY "EXTREMELY PLEASED" THAT, BECAUSE OF US POSITION, ISSUE WAS HANDLED WITHOUT POLITICAL FUSS.

ACTION MESSAGE ON CRITICAL ISSUES:

SEPT. 28 UNESCO: INSTRUCTIONS TO APPROACH ALL NEA AND HOST GOVERNMENTS REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S REQUEST FOR DIPLOMATIC INCLUSION IN UNESCO EUROPEAN POSTS-REGION

PM/GSVEST - DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT

HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE ON US/FRG TANK--DESPITE A LAST MINUTE APPEAL BY SECRETARY RUMSFELD, THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE ADOPTED A RESOLUTION YESTERDAY WHICH PLACES DEFENSE ON NOTICE OF CONGRESSIONAL DISPLEASURE OVER THE "PREMATURE" DECISIONS CONTAINED IN THE RECENT US/FRG TANK HARMONIZATION MOU. IN ESSENCE IT URGES CONTINUATION OF THE CONGRESSIONALLY APPROVED US PROGRAM AND THREATENS DENIAL OF FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE US/FRG HARMONIZATION AGREEMENTS. USNATO, BONN, AND LONDON HAVE BEEN PROVIDED THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION. DEFENSE IS DRAFTING A RUMSFELD-TO-LEBER LETTER WHICH, WHILE SECRET

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RECOGNIZING THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ACTION, EXPRESSES CONTINUED RUMSFELD SUPPORT OF STANDARDIZATION, COMMONALITY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RUMSFELD/LEBER AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED IN AUGUST. SURPRISINGLY, THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE OR NO REACTION TO THE RESOLUTION IN THE US PRESS SO FAR.

ARMS EXPORT CONTROL BOARD--MY DEPUTY, DICK ERICSON, WILL ATTEND A MEETING CALLED BY NSC THURSDAY MORNING TO HEAR THE VIEWS OF THE NSC STAFF AND OTHER AGENCIES ON YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ARMS EXPORT CONTROL BOARD. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOME QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH REGARD TO THE LEVEL OF THE REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD AS WELL AS WITH OTHER UN-

SPECIFIED ASPECTS.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE

EA - ARTHUR W. HUMMEL, JR.

MEETING WITH FRASER ON KCIA ACTIVITIES IN THE US.

TOGETHER WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, I MET WITH CONGRESSMAN FRASER TO EXPLAIN THAT IT WOULD BE IMPROPER FOR ANY EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIAL TO TESTIFY BEFORE HIS SUBCOMMITTEE--EVEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION--ON THE SUBJECT OF KCIA ACTIVITIES IN THE US BECAUSE NUMEROUS ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM ARE NOW UNDER GRAND-JURY OR JUSTICE/FBI INVESTIGATION. FRASER ACCEPTED OUR ARGUMENT AND HAS CANCELLED THE HEARING THAT HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW. I MAY MEET WITH FRASER AGAIN ON FRIDAY TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROBLEM ON A CONFIDENTIAL, OFF-THE-RECORD BASIS.

HUMANITARIAN AID TO VIETNAM.

BOB MILLER WAS GUEST AT AN INFORMAL AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE LUNCHEON TODAY TO DISCUSS US POLICY REGARDING PRIVATE HUMANITARIAN AID TO VIETNAM. DURING THE LUNCHEON THE FRIENDS REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED MODERATE UNHAPPINESS THAT BY CHARACTERIZING APPROVALS OF THE
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FRIENDS' LICENSE APPLICATIONS AS RESPONSES TO VIETNAM'S RELEASE OF AMERICANS, ETC., THE US GOVERNMENT WAS USING THE FRIENDS AS A TOOL OF US POLICY. MILLER POINTED OUT THAT WE DID NOT DRAW A DIRECT CAUSE-AND-EFFECT RELATIONSHIP IN OUR APPROVALS, BUT THAT BOTH OUR APPROVALS AND VIETNAMESE RELEASES OF AMERICANS WERE IN THE GENERAL HUMANITARIAN FIELD.

NORWEGIAN MINISTER COUNSELOR. NORWEGIAN MINISTER COUNSELOR OSCAR VAERNO CALLED ON OSCAR ARMSTRONG TO TALK ABOUT CHINA. ARMSTRONG HANDLED IT IN STANDARD TERMS.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NEGATIVE

ARA - SHLAUDEMANN

THE SOUTHERN CONE -- DR. LOTHAR LAHN, DIRECTOR OF THE POLITICAL SECTION OF THE FOREIGN OFFICE IN BONN (AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO CHILE) CAME IN THIS AFTERNOON IN THE WAKE OF A RECENT SWING THROUGH ARGENTINA, URUGUAY, PARAGUAY AND CHILE. HE WANTED TO CONVEY TO US HIS BELIEF -- AND PRESUMABLY THAT OF HIS GOVERNMENT -- THAT THE MILITARY GOVERNMENTS IN THE SOUTHERN CONE ARE SOLIDLY BASED AND

THERE TO STAY; THAT WE AND THE EUROPEANS NEED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THAT FACT; AND THAT THERE IS NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY DRIVING THESE GOVERNMENTS INTO GREATER ISOLATION. HE RECALLED THE EXAMPLE OF FRANCO IN THAT CONNECTION. IT WAS LAHN'S VIEW THAT WE AND THE EUROPEANS COULD BEST HOPE TO INFLUENCE THESE REGIMES ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION BY WORKING WITH THEM ON THEIR ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. LAHN CONCEDED THAT THERE ARE CONSIDERABLE DOMESTIC PRESSURES IN GERMANY ARISING FROM VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT HE THOUGHT THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE TREATED IN A "FOREIGN POLICY" CONTEXT. HE ALSO REFERRED TO THE CLOSE COOPERATION AMONG THE VARIOUS NATIONAL POLICE AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICES IN THE REGION.

MILITARY BID TO URUGUAY -- I CALLED IN AMBASSADOR PEREZ CALDAS TODAY TO DISCUSS THE MILITARY RELATIONSHIP IN THE WAKE OF THE PASSAGE OF THE KOCH AMENDMENT. I TOLD HIM WE HAD OPPOSED THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE CONGRESS AND
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WANTED TO MAINTAIN A CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS GOVERNMENT. PEREZ SAID THE URUGUAYANS WANTED THE SAME, DESPITE SOME INITIAL "EFFERVESCENCE". (THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW HOSTILE AND RATHER DEFIANT PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE URUGUAYAN MILITARY IN RECENT DAYS.) WE HAVE NOW COMPLETED ARRANGEMENTS FOR A \$2.5 MILLION FMS CREDIT TO URUGUAY -- THE LAST THERE WILL BE UNTIL THE CONGRESS RELENTS.

FASCELL -- BILL LUERS WENT WITH MONROE LEIGH TO BRIEF DANTE ON THE MEXICAN PRISONER EXCHANGE. HE WISHES US WELL. HE SAID HE WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY HIS MEETING WITH LOPEZ PORTILLO. HE FOUND HIM DIRECT AND PRACTICAL. DANTE WAS ONLY DISTURBED BY A CIRCUITOUS ROUTE LOPEZ TOOK AROUND THE ZIONIST ISSUE. LOPEZ APPARENTLY WENT OFF INTO A FIVE-MINUTE DISCUSSION OF THE PSYCHO-SOCIOLOGY OF THE MEXICAN INDIANS. DANTE CONCLUDED THAT LOPEZ WAS SAYING THAT LIKE THE INDIANS, ZIONISM WAS A PHENOMENON THAT MEXICO AND OTHERS WOULD HAVE TO LEARN TO LIVE WITH.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES
NONE SENT TODAY.
AF:TWSEELYE, ACTING

MEETING WITH GERMAN DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS -- DR. LAHN, WHO HANDLES AFRICAN AFFAIRS AMONG HIS OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, COMPARED NOTES WITH ME TODAY WITH REGARD TO AFRICA. HE STRESSED THE SPECIAL GERMAN INTEREST IN NAMIBIA AND INDICATED THAT THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN MAINTAINING CONTACTS WITH THE VARIOUS NAMIBIAN PARTIES, INCLUDING SWAPO. THE GERMANS FEEL THAT

THE NAMIBIAN TRIBAL GROUPS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED IN NEGOTIATIONS ALONG WITH SWAPO. LAHN SAID THAT THE GERMANS ARE CLOSING THEIR CONSULATE BECAUSE OF INTERNATIONAL PRESSURES BUT THAT, IN ANY CASE, THE GERMAN CONSUL HAD DEPARTED TWO YEARS AGO. REGARDING ANGOLA, HE SAID THE GERMANS ARE AWAITING ANGOLAN PERMISSION TO OPEN AN EMBASSY AT LUANDA AND BELIEVE THAT ENLARGING THE WESTERN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA IS VERY IMPORTANT AT THIS JUNCTURE. HE SAYS HE BELIEVES THE REASON FOR ANGOLAN DELAYS IN AGREEING TO ESTABLISH
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DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE FRG IS PARTLY BUREAUCRATIC OBSTRUCTION AND PARTLY COUNTER PRESSURES FROM THE GDR.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE.

KEMPTON B. JENKINS, ACTING

1. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITIES BILL. GOLDBERG SPENT THE DAY PRESSING HOUSE MEMBERS TO ACT ON THE LONG-SOUGHT IMMUNITIES BILL. THE BILL, WHICH SHIFTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO THE COURTS THE AUTHORITY TO HANDLE LAW SUITS AGAINST FOREIGN STATES, WAS FINALLY ADOPTED THIS AFTERNOON IN THE HOUSE. IT IS ON THE SENATE CALENDAR AWAITING AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE TAKEN UP. SENATORS FANNIN AND GOLDWATER ARE NOW HOLDING UP ALL SENATE ACTION, BUT WE EXPECT AN OPENING WILL COME LATER THIS AFTERNOON OR TOMORROW. SINCE BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE VERSIONS ARE IDENTICAL, NO CONFERENCE WILL BE NECESSARY, AND WITH A BREAK IN SENATE ACTION THE PRESIDENT WILL GET A BILL FOR SIGNATURE LATER THIS WEEK.

2. KOREAN CIA. ART HUMMEL SUCCESSFULLY MOVED DON FRASER AWAY FROM A CONFRONTATION WITH US ON KOREAN CIA ACTIVITIES IN THIS COUNTRY. ART MET WITH FRASER TODAY TO WORK OUT GROUND RULES ON THIS SUBJECT. THE MEETING WENT WELL AND FRASER ACCEPTED WITH GOOD GRACE OUR EXPLANATIONS WHY MUCH OF THIS IS OUT OF OUR COMPETENCE. HE AGREED TO CONSIDER RECEIVING WRITTEN REPLIES TO HIS INQUIRIES, RATHER THAN HOLDING MEETINGS.

3. CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST FOR HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT. PEZZULLO AND JIM WILSON CALLED ON FRASER TO DISCUSS THE HIRC REQUEST FOR FORMAL REPORTS ON HAITI, PERU AND ARGENTINA. THEY POINTED OUT THAT THE INFORMAL REPORTING REQUESTED OF US BY THE HUMPHREY SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SFRC WILL OPEN A CHANNEL FOR SHARING INFORMATION WITH THE STAFF OF THAT COMMITTEE WHICH HE MIGHT CONSIDER BEFORE RESORTING TO FORMAL REPORTS. FRASER LISTENED ATTENTATIVELY AND SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER OUR ARGUMENTS AND RESPOND WITHIN A DAY OR SO. WHILE HE APPEARED TO APPRECIATE THE VALUE OF THE SFRC APPROACH, HE VIEWS OUR

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AFFIRMATIVE VOTE ON THE RECENT IDB LOAN TO ARGENTINA AS THE MOST RECENT EVIDENCE OF OUR UNWILLINGNESS TO FIND ANY COUNTRY A VIOLATOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND MAY PERSIST IN HIS DEMAND FOR FORMAL REPORTS.

4. ARGENTINA - HUMAN RIGHTS. FRASER, WITH KOCH IN ATTENDANCE, HELD HIS SECOND HEARING ON ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE US CATHOLIC CONFERENCE AND ARGENTINE LABOR LAWYERS TESTIFYING. WITNESSES GAVE UNFAVORABLE DESCRIPTIONS OF VIDELA AND HIS ROLE IN THE JUNTA MILITARY, AND OF COOPERATION BETWEEN POLICE FORCES OF ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, URUGUAY AND CHILE.

5. ON TAP: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

- - - - BILL ROGERS WILL TESTIFY BEFORE THE CONTINUING CLARK SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS ON SOUTH AFRICA. ALSO TESTIFYING WILL BE CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ.

L - MONROE LEIGH

-- I ATTENDED MEETING OF CSCE COMMISSION.

-- FELDMAN SPOKE WITH MEXICAN LOS AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ DE LEON CONCERNING THE MEXICAN COUNTERDRAFT OF AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES ESTABLISHING PROVISIONAL MARITIME BOUNDARIES PENDING CONCLUSION OF A BOUNDARY TREATY. THE GOM APPEARS EAGER TO AGREE ON BOUNDARIES BUT CONTINUES TO PRESS FOR U.S. RECOGNITION OF MEXICO'S ECONOMIC ZONE. WE ARE SEEKING MEXICAN AGREEMENT TO THE CLAUSE PRESERVING THE LEGAL POSITION OF BOTH SIDES INCLUDED IN THE 1970 BOUNDARY TREATY.

-- FELDMAN BRIEFED STAFF OF THE CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE ON MNES ON THE ECOSOC NEGOTIATIONS LOOKING TOWARDS AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS.

ACTION MESSAGES ON CRITICAL ISSUES: NONE.

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